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DATE: December 8, 1989

SUBJECT: DOE WEEKLY REPORT

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending December 1, 1989.

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YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 1, 1989

I. Critical Item Status

A. Site Characterization Plan (SCP) Progress Reports

The Program Review Group completed its review of the draft U.S. Department of Energy/Headquarters (DOE/HQ) Semiannual Progress Report for April 16, 1989 through September 30, 1989.

SCP Study Plan Status: December 1, 1989

The Yucca Mountain Project Office (Project Office) verified the adequacy of the Study Plan Assessment.

A comment resolution meeting is scheduled for December 5, 1989, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to resolve DOE/HQ comments on Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) Study Plan 8.3.1.15.1.1, "Laboratory Thermal Properties."

Revised Study Plan 8.3.1.15.1.2, "Laboratory Thermal Expansion Testing," was received from SNL. The plan is now undergoing an audit verification of resolution review comments.

STUDY PLAN BREAKDOWN

Project Office Acceptance Review. . .	1
Revision.	0
Project Review.	0
Post-Project Office Revision. . . .	0
Parallel Project Office/HQ Review . .	2
HQ Review (Project Office Review complete)	8
Awaiting comment resolution	6
Post HQ Revision.	6
Project Office/HQ Audit	3
To HQ for NRC submission.	1
NRC Acceptance Review	7
Revision	0
NRC Start-Work Review	0
Revision	0
NRC Acceptance	0
Total	34

B. Core Sample Management

Over 50 percent of the 06-03 reviews for Branch Technical Procedure BTP-SMF-009, "Reprocessing of Existing Yucca Mountain Project Core a Derived Specimens," have been received.

A tour of the Sample Management Facility was given to representatives from the the U.S. Council for Energy Awareness.

C. Quality Assurance (QA)

The QA surveillance of Los Alamos National Laboratory was completed.

D. Exploratory Shaft Facility (ESF)

The draft plan for Evaluating Alternatives for the Site Characterization ESF Underground Test Facility was reviewed by the DOE/HQ, the Project Office, and Technical & Management Support Services. A comment resolution meeting was held on November 27-29, 1989, with the plan being modified to reflect additional comments.

E. Long Range Planning and Project Planning and Control System (PACS)

Participants are continuing to plan summary accounts. The PACS team is in the process of inputting data and reviewing and resolving

comments. System development is continuing in parallel with data receipt, input, and resolution.

An action plan is under development to revise and update the Long Range Plan to reflect the current project schedule. This revision will be utilized for guidance to the participants in their continuing efforts for input into the PACS. The major program milestones are currently in the process of being baselined to reflect this new project schedule. The Project Office will then develop supporting milestones.

F. Environmental Permitting

The U.S. Corps of Engineers have determined that a general nationwide permit will be required for site characterization activities. This permit satisfies Section 404 of the Clean Water Act allowing minimum disturbances of water drainage. The permit will be granted upon completion of the Section 7 endangered species consultation concerning the desert tortoise.

G. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTB) Meetings and Interactions

A dry run was held for the upcoming formal meeting with the NWTB. Based on comments received during the dry run, the meeting materials will be revised for presentations at a second dry run scheduled for next week. The formal meeting is scheduled for December 11-12, 1989, in Denver, Colorado.

II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

On November 30, 1989, the Project Manager hosted a briefing for the Nevada Congressional staff. Afterwards, the Project Manager held a press conference to discuss the recent announcements made by DOE/HQ regarding changes in the site characterization schedule and plans by DOE to litigate the environmental permit issue. The congressional staff briefing was essentially the same as was presented to the media.

An agenda and pre-meeting materials were finalized for the upcoming technical exchange on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) draft technical position on seismic hazards. The information was informally distributed to the State and the NRC. The technical exchange is currently scheduled for December 19-20, 1989.

III. Upcoming Events

Please note that the usage of "(P)" in the Upcoming Events calendar indicates that the event is open to the public.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Participant</u>
A. <u>Coordinating Group Meetings</u>			
None.			
B. <u>HQ Meetings</u>			
Monday, December 5	Organizational Meeting	Washington, DC	C. Gertz, Project Office
Thursday, December 14	Program Management meeting	Washington, DC	C. Gertz, Project Office
Wednesday, January 17	Program Management meeting	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Thursday February 22	Program Management meeting	Washington, DC	C. Gertz, Project Office
C. <u>Internal Project and DOE/NV meetings</u>			
None.			
D. <u>State and Public Interactions</u>			
Tuesday, December 5	Presentation to Southern Nevada Federal Executive Association	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Friday, December 15	Appearance Before Nevada Commission on Nuclear Projects (P)	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Monday, December 18	Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Land Withdrawal Public Meetings (P)	Reno, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office

D. State and Public Interactions (Continued)

Tuesday, December 19	BLM Land Withdrawal Public Meetings (P)	Henderson, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
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E. Yucca Mountain Project Tabletop Exhibit Showings (P)


<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
None.			

F. NRC Interactions

Wednesday, December 13	Bi-monthly QA meeting	Rockville, MD	D. Horton, Project Office
Tuesday- Wednesday, December 19-20	Draft Technical Position on Seismic Hazards	TBD	D. Dobson, Project Office
Tuesday, January 9	Technical exchange on Data Management	Rockville, MD	R. Barton, Project Office

G. Other

Monday-Tuesday, December 11-12	NWTRB Hydrogeology and Geochemistry Panel	Denver, CO	M. Blanchard, Project Office
Thursday, January 18	NWTRB Waste Package and Corrosion Panel	Livermore, CA	M. Cloninger, Project Office


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